Council on Aging Meeting 4/26/2023 11:30 AM Dracut Council on Aging 951 Mammoth Road, Dracut, MA 01826

11:30 AM - Call Meeting to Order

Fran called the Meeting to order.

Board members in attendance:

Mary Edwards

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Fran Desmarais

Bethany Loveless - Executive Director

Heidi Morin Steere

Thomas Salem - Secretary

Minutes

February meeting minutes were adopted.

Monthly review of COA accounts

Bethany passed out copies of the YTD budget and noted the budget was on track. A review and discussion ensued.

Bethany noted that Ginny was planning to retire at the end of the June and that a full time administrative assistant would take her place. All such positions in the town are in a union.

Update of Monthly activities

A recognition luncheon was recently held for all volunteers and it was funded by the Friends.

Cinco de Mayo celebration planned for May 4

Cafeteria is closed on May 5 in preparation for the town elections

Traveling Chef will visit on April 27

COA buses will participate in the Memorial Day parade along with marching volunteers.

There will be a Memory Cafe (for people suffering with Alzheimer's and their caregivers) starting in June and funded by the Friends.

Bethany will conduct a workshop at the National COA conference In June

Update on the Friends Group activities

Party at the Lo Kai for Friends members planned for Sunday June 25

The Friends will fund candy for the parade and postage to mail the monthly newsletter

The 120 Club and raffle will be done again

The Friend will also fund the Annual Legacy Luncheon and booklet again this year

Helen Connerton Fund

No new information

Open Meeting Law Workshop

No one attended this session

COA policies and procedures

No update at this time

Activities & Services

Bethany noted that Annmarie did a nice job on COA store reorganization

Discussion on Name change research

Fran had reached out to the Plymouth MA Center for Active Living (CAL) and spoke with Michelle Bratti. She prepared a report on her findings.

Heidi also did research on rebranding

Bethany asked that the members look for and gather newsletters from other centers that have rebranded Bethany also requested that we brainstorm who else can/ should be involved in our rebranding efforts.

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Adjournment